Subsidy on Fertilizers

68. SHRI SOM PAL:
SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether fertilizer subsidy given by Government is going to be stopped, or reduced; if so, what are the details thereof;

(b) what was the amount of subsidy given to farmers during the last three years;

(c) what is the procedure of administrating such subsidy;

(d) whether it is handed over to manufacturers or farmers; and

(e) what is the quantity of fertilizers produced in the country at present and also that likely to be imported if any?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI JAYANTI LAL VIRCHANDBHAI SHAH): (a) There is no proposal at present with the Government to stop the fertilizer subsidy. No decision has been taken even to reduce the subsidy, although Government constantly reviews the various issues conected with fertilizer subsidy.

(b) Fertilizer subsidy is paid to the manufacturers and not directly to the farmers. The subsidy paid during the last three years is as follows:

1987-88 .	Rs. 2163 .84 crores
1988-89 .	Rs. 3200 .70 crores
1989-90 .	Rs. 4542 .10 crores

(c) and (d) The consumer price at which the fertilizer is sold to farmers by manufacturers or handling agents is notified by Government. This price is much below the cost of manufacture or import of fertilizers. The retention price for each product in respect of individual manufacturers is computed with reference to the guidelines approved by Fertilizer Industry Coordination Committee and the difference between the retention price and the net realisation by a manufacturing unit is paid as subsidy to the manufacturer under the retention price-cum-subsidy scheme. Even though such payments are made to the manufacturers, they are intended to be passed on to the consumers by way of subsidised notified prices at which the manufacturers have to sell fertilizers to the farmers.

(e) During the current year 1990-91, about 88.50 lakh tonnes of fertilizers in terms of nutrients are expected to be produced. Upto the end of Jaunary, 1991 during the current financial year 24.96 lakh tonnes of fertilizer nutrients have been imported.

विदेशी पर्यटकों को भारतीय संस्कृति और सभ्यता के प्रति आकर्षित करने के लिए योजनाएं

69. सरदार जगजीत सिंह अरोड़ा :
श्री राम जेठमलानी :

क्या पर्यटन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि सरकार को विदेशी पर्यटकों से भारी मात्रा में विदेशी मुद्रा की आय होती है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो पिछले तीन वर्षों के दौरान प्रति वर्ष कितनी-कितनी विदेशी मुद्रा अर्जित की गई ;

(ग) क्या पिछले कुछ वर्षों में सरकार द्वारा विदेशी पर्यटकों को भारतीय संस्कृति और सभ्यता की ओर आकर्षित करने के लिए कुछ नई योजनाएं बनाई गई हैं ;

(घ) यदि हां, तो उनका ब्यौरा क्या है और क्या सरकार द्वारा भारत की संस्कृति और सभ्यता को दर्शाने वाले स्थानों को विकसित करने के लिए कोई योजना तैयार की जा रही है ; और

(ङ) यदि नहीं, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं ?

पर्यटन मंत्रालय में राज्यमंत्री (श्रीमती उषा सिंह) : (क) और (ख) पिछले तीन वर्षों के दौरान पर्यटकों से होने वाली विदेशी मुद्रा की आय के अनुमान नीचे दिए गए हैं :—

वर्ष	रुपए करोड़ों में
1987–88	1856
1988–89	2103
1989–90	2456 (अ)

(अ) अनन्तिम

(ग) से (ङ) पर्यटन आधारिक संरचना का सुधार और संवर्धन किया जाना एक सतत प्रक्रिया है और सांस्कृतिक अभिरुचि के कई स्थान पहले से ही देश के सर्वाधिक पर्यटक केन्द्र हैं । केन्द्र सरकार ऐसे स्थानों के विकास के लिए राज्य सरकारों को उनसे प्राप्त विशिष्ट प्रस्तावों, धन की उपलब्धता और पारस्परिक प्राथमिकताओं के आधार पर वित्तीय सहायता प्रदान करती है ।

Development of Counter magnet Towns in NCR Area

70. SHRI KAPIL VERMA:
SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:
SHRIMATI SATYA BAHIN:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what is the progress of the schemes and plans framed by the National Capital Region Planning Board;

(b) what were schemes drawn up by the Planning Board of NCR for the Seventh Plan and what is the amount sanctioned by Government and spent in each year of the plan;

(c) what is the investment recommended or approved by the Planning Board for the Eighth Plan and how much has been approved by the Government; and

(d) whether Planning Board has suggeted setting up of "Counter Magnet" towns in States adjoining Delhi to stop migration from these places to Delhi, if so, what are the details of the schemes and the investment involved?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DAULAT RAM SARAN): (a) and (b) A statement indicating the progress of the schemes and Plans framed by the NCR Planning Board during the Seventh Five Year Plan and the amount sanctioned by the Government and spent during the Plan is enclosed.

(c) The NCR Planning Board has recommended and approved an Investment of Rs. 2900 crores for the implementation of NCR Plan within NCR and Rs. 828 crores for development of five Counter Magnet towns outside the NCR. The 8th Plan allocations are under consideration of the Government|Planning Commission.

(d) Yes, Sir. The Investment Plan prepared for the 8th Five Year Plan by the NCR Planning Board provides for Rs. 728.00 crores for Central Sector Schemes like telecommunications, railways and National Highways and Rs. 100.00 crores as Revolving Fund for Urban Development Schemes of the following Counter-Magnet Towns: Patiala, Hissar, Bareilly, Gwalior and Kota.